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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: State Employee Suggestion via [REDACTED] for new
Political History unit in the NIS

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This matter, subject of 18 January 1965 memo from [REDACTED], was brought up by Allan Evans at a 21 January luncheon to which he had invited Lester and me. At this time I and/or the others brought up most of the pros and cons, and especially cons, which had been developed in OBI discussions before the luncheon. In summary, Evans felt they could respond to the employee suggestion by agreeing that something of this kind might serve some users and that perhaps State might some time explore the possibility of a State collation of this material in their files, but that (a) attempting to include this type of material in the NIS would tend to run counter to the present NIS and USIB endorsement of increased selectivity and (b) while at some future time this might be re-examined in terms of the NIS, at this time the capabilities just do not exist for producing such material in OCI or elsewhere than State internal. I assured Evans that, within the limitations of the writing capabilities of the analysts available, we would undertake to get a little more of this historical background unobtrusively written into the Political and other content.

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cc: Ch/D/E

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